



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to Y3 and Y5 for your performances of 'Macbeth' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' this week. They children sang beautifully in the micro-musicals and retold Shakespeare's well-known tales with confidence and clarity.

This morning we had a very informative, interactive coffee morning where a range of activities were shared for supporting children with autism. Thank you to the parents who attended – I hope that you found it useful.

After half term, our busy calendar continues. On 26th February the reception classes will be retelling the story of the Lunar New Year to parents and friends. We invite you to join us for this assembly.

On 27th February, some of our KS2 children will be taking part in an inter-school rugby competition. It will be hosted by Davies Lane on Wanstead Flats – good luck to everyone who will be taking part.

In a couple of weeks (5th March) we will be celebrating book character day – children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on that day. We look forward to seeing a range of different characters across the school. There is no collection for this.

We will be raising funds for Red Nose Day this year with a Charity Concert – *Northwold has Got Talent!* Children are invited to audition, showcasing their talent. This can either be an individual or a group entry. Finalists will perform on 17th March (Y1-Y3) and 18th March (Y4-Y6). Parents of the finalists will be invited to watch the concert.

Lots to look forward to over the next few weeks!
Have a lovely half term break,

Kind regards

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

Diary Dates

February

- 25th Y2 Djembe Drumming Workshop
- 26th Spelling Bee
Chinese & Lunar New Year Reception Assembly, parents are welcome to attend
- 27th Y1 Visit from London Transport Museum
Interschool Sport—Rugby

March

- 2nd Y2 Trip to East London and Essex Synagogue
- 5th Music Concert for Parents and Community
2:15-3:15pm
Spelling Bee Semi-finals
World Book Day, all children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters!
- 10th Y4 Trip to Sikh Temple
- 12th Interschool Championship Spelling Bee
- 13th Coffee Morning
Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00am, all welcome to attend assembly; RC/Y1 9:30am, Y2/Y3 9:50am, Y4/5/6 10:10am
- 17th Red Nose Day
Middle Phase Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:30—3:00pm
- 18th Upper Phase Got Talent—parents welcome from 1:20-3:00pm
- 19th Class Group Photos
Parent Council 9:00-10:00am; outcomes in History and Geography
- 20th World Poetry Day Assembly
Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am
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- 25th Easter Bonnet Parade with Cake Sale
- 26th Parent's Evening 3:30-7:00pm
- 27th Attendance Lunch for the class with the highest attendance!
- 30th **Easter Holiday**

Please check the calendar on our website

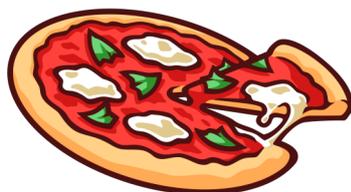
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Class Attendance W/E 6/2/2026

Well done to **Year 4 Cedar** with the highest attendance last week. They had **100%** attendance.

Class	Attendance %
2 Year Old's	96.8%
N Elm 2	93.4%
RC Ash	98.0%
RC Sycamore	99%
Y1 Redwood	98.8%
Y2 Pine	96.1%
Y3 Elder	90%
Y3 Teak	98.9%
Y4 Cedar	100.0%
Y4 Hawthorn	93.8%
Y5 Beech	99%
Y5 Hazel	98.3%
Y6 Juniper	97.9%
Y6 Maple	99.2%
Grand Total	96.8%

**THE CLASS WITH
THE HIGHEST
ATTENDANCE
WILL WIN A PIZZA
PARTY AT THE
END OF THE
TERM!**



Autism Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the Autism coffee morning this morning. It was lovely to see so many of you there.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

THIS IS MY PLACE

FEBRUARY 9-15, 2026



FRIDAY
13TH
FEBRUARY

WEAR YOUR
FAVOURITE
COLOUR!

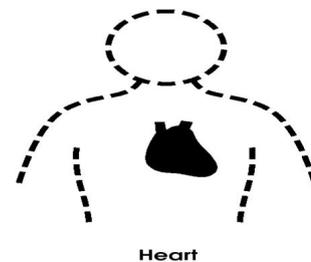
"Your mind matters.
Your voice matters.
This is your place."

Sign of the Week

Learning a new sign each week helps everyone in our setting become more confident in using Makaton, making our environment more inclusive and supportive for all children.

You are welcome to practise the sign at home too! We will share the sign each week so you can join in.

If you need anymore information, please feel free to contact Miss Nicola.



Heart



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Fundraising

We are supporting our local area and raising as much as possible for local food banks and soup kitchens.

We would be grateful for any donations that parents are able to contribute.

Please bring in any food items that you can the charity leads will be collecting contributions to this very worthy cause at the school gate each Tuesday this half term. Donations will be accepted up to February half term, and then distributed.

We will keep you informed on which food banks and soup kitchens the charity leaders decide to send your donations to.



School Trips



We have lots of exciting trips planned this term. Please ensure that you have paid for them on MCAS ahead of the date to ensure we are able to go on the trip.

Debating Challenge!

Our Debate Challenge will take place in stages next term. Students will compete to earn a place in the next round, successful teams will then progress to the semi-finals.

Please find the dates below:

Classroom Debate Heats: 14th May

Semi-Finals: 22nd May

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Spring Term: (55 days)

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.

- Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term: (65 days)

Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026

- Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

Public holidays

- Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4 May 2026
- Monday 25 May 2026
- Monday 31 August 2026

School Music Concert

We are excited to announce our upcoming **School Music Concert**, taking place on **5th March 2:15-3:15pm!**

Students have been working incredibly hard to bring this production to life, and we can't wait to share their talent with our school community. Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for an evening of music, drama, and creativity.

Caught Being Kind

Please find below the names of the children in each year group who are recognised for their kindness this week.

Congratulations!

Nursery	(Elm 1) Raine	(Elm 2) Sarai
Reception	(Sycamore) Ismaila	(Ash) Aaryan
Year 1	(Redwood) Malia	
Year 2	(Pine) Kishade	
Year 3	(Elder) Khadeejah	(Teak) Khadijah
Year 4	(Cedar) Maryam H	(Hawthorn) Musa
Year 5	(Beech)	(Hazel) Simran
Year 6	(Juniper) Brandon	(Maple) Chaise

What is on the menu after half term?

Northwold Primary School Menu – Week 2

	Monday MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Choice	Macaroni & Cheese (G, MK)	Chicken Burger with Salad (G, M)	Spaghetti Bolognese (G, MU, SO)	Peri-Peri Chicken (MU)	Cod Fish Fingers Battered Fish (F, G)
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Burger (G, V)	Cheese & Onion Pastry (G, V, MK)	Vegetable Curry (V)	Cheese & Egg Flan (G, E, MK)	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Tuna (MK, F)
Alternative Choice	Vegetable Goulash (V)	Fish Curry with Brown Rice (V, F)	Egg Curry (F, G)	Vegetable Biryani with Rice (V)	Mexican Wrap (G, MU)
Sides	Bread Diced Potatoes (G, MK)	Bread New Potatoes (MK, E)	Homemade Bread Brown Rice (G, MK, E)	Bread Potato Wedges (G, MK, E)	Homemade Bread Oven Baked Chips (G, MK, E)
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Diced Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans
Dessert Choice	Fruit Jelly Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Caramel Tart with Custard Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK, G)	Fresh Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)	Cheese & Biscuits Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (G, MK)	Ice Cream Fruit Yogurt Fresh Fruit (MK)
Dietary Information	<p style="color: green; margin: 0;">Fresh salad served daily - All our meat is Halal</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>V - Vegetarian</p> <p>CE - contains Celery</p> <p>G - contains Gluten</p> <p>F - contains Fish</p> <p>E - Egg</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>SO - contains Soya</p> <p>MK - contains Milk</p> <p>SU - contains Sulphur Dioxide</p> <p>MU - contains Mustard</p> </div> </div>				

Parent Council Visit to School

At our recent Parent Council meeting on 5th February, we had the pleasure of spending time in school and seeing learning in action. We began by looking at a wonderful selection of art books, exploring the different textures and designs used by a range of artists. It was fascinating to compare how stitches, straight lines and dots can be used in creative ways to produce different effects.

During our walk around the classrooms, we saw children fully engaged in their artwork. Year 5 pupils were taking inspiration from Yayoi Kusama, experimenting boldly with pattern and repetition, while Year 6 were learning about the detailed work of Leonardo da Vinci and developing their sketching skills. It was fantastic to see such creativity and focus across the year groups.

We were also shown the old kitchen area, which is being thoughtfully transformed into a new arts and crafts room. This dedicated space will provide children with additional needs a calm and supportive environment where they can express themselves through art, crafts and creative work. It is a wonderful initiative that will no doubt have a positive impact on many pupils.

In addition, we attended a Year 1 P.E. lesson, where pupils were practising control and balance through group activities using a ball. The emphasis on teamwork, coordination and communication was clear, and it was lovely to see the children encouraging one another as they developed their skills.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable visit, and we were delighted to see such enthusiasm, creativity and collaboration throughout the school.

Yours sincerely,
Deressa Bravo

Reception Trip to the V&A

Reception class visited the Young V&A museum this week, exploring their creativity and developing their arts skills. During the visit, the children had the opportunity to view a range of historical toys, gaining insight into play and leisure activities of the past.

